

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): May I know who is the person that has been appointed?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): One lady graduate.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): May I know her name?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): Sarada Amma.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): To which community does she belong?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): Nayar.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): May I know that in the Ayurvedic Department there has been an over-weightage of caste-Hindus?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): I want notice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): Can you deny my statement, the assertion that I made?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Trichur-North): Was there not an order issued by the Government that in future appointments in the Ayurvedic department, unrepresented communities should be preferred?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): I want notice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): Is there not a general circular that in the matter of appointments, sufficient consideration should be shown to the communities which are unrepresented?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): Yes, there is.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): May I know whether a circular was not issued to the head of the Ayurvedic Department?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Trichur-North): May I know whether this is not a violation of the principles involved in the issue?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): We do not know the composition of the staff.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): You have on the floor of this House stated that there is an overweightage of certain communities there especially the caste-Hindus. I know it myself.

Dr. A. R. Menon (Trichur-North): There is no doubt that nearly 80 to 85 per cent of the appointments are held by caste-Hindus. There is no use getting over this. Everybody knows it.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (Vadakkancheri): Was this lady already in the service of the department?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): No.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (Vadakkancheri): Was she in any other department?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): I have no information.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): Can the Minister deny that she did not hold any appointment in the State service?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): I have absolutely no information about this lady. I tell you that this matter was not brought before the Government. When a question was asked by the Hon'ble Member for Trichur, I got this information from the Superintendent. The matter has not been reported, as the statement of appointments will be submitted only quarterly or half-yearly.

Dr. A. R. Menon (Trichur-North): Will the Minister give us an assurance that he will keep an eye on these people and see that the rules laid down by the Government are carried out?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): I can assure the leader of the opposition that I will.

Ismail Hajee Essa Sait (Mattancheri): Did the Hon'ble Minister get any recommendation letter for the appointment of this lady? (Laughter).

BURIAL GROUND FOR MUSLIMS—THRIKKANARVATTAM

12. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (Cranganur): Will Government kindly state whether they have constituted a committee to go into the question of the burial ground for Muslims at Thrikkannarvattam?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): Yes. The attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the Government Proceedings published on page 942 in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 27th Mithunam 1117.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (Cranganur): May I know, Sir, whether the committee has reported after going through the question?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): They have not yet reported.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know when the committee was appointed? I am not aware of the proceedings.

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): Some three weeks before.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: സംഖ്യ ലാറ്റായി പോകാതെ ഈ കൊല്ലത്തിൽതന്നെ ചിലവഴിച്ചുകൂടെ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർമാരേ അറിയാം ഈ കർഷകമാസം അവസാനിക്കുന്നതിന് ഇനി ൧൫, ൧൬ ദിവസമേയുള്ളൂവെന്നു്. നിവൃത്തിയുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ റിപ്പോർട്ടുവന്നുകഴിഞ്ഞാൽ സംഖ്യ ലാറ്റാകാതെ കഴിക്കാൻ ശ്രമിക്കാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: ഈകൊല്ലം ലാറ്റാകുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അടുത്തകൊല്ലത്തെ ബഡ്ജറ്റിലെങ്കിലും ഈ സംഖ്യ ചേർത്തുകൂടെ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ൧൧൧൮-ലെ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ ചേർക്കുവാനുള്ള കാലം കഴിഞ്ഞു. എങ്കിലും വരുന്നകൊല്ലത്തിൽ വല്ല മാറ്റവുമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഇതു് അറിയിക്കുന്ന ഗൗരവം കൊടുക്കാൻ ശ്രമിക്കാം.

PRICE CONTROL ACTIVITIES—WITHDRAWAL OF CASES AGAINST MERCHANTS

13. Mr. M. L. Joseph (*Latin-Christians-Cranganur*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) if it is a fact that Government withdrew some cases against certain merchants in connection with the price control activities;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state the reasons for this action?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): (a) No.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

RAO BAHADUR M. NARAYANA MENON—RETIREMENT OF

14. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): Will Government be pleased to state whether Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon is continuing in Cochin State service from 15th June 1942 up to the end of his contractual period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): He has been permitted to retire from service from the 20th of June 1942.

BANIAN TREE—CUTTING AND REMOVAL OF—IRINJALAKKUDA MUNICIPALITY

15. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Will Government be pleased to state whether a resolution passed by the Irinjallakkuda Municipality for cutting and removing a banian tree standing in the main road to the east of the Koodalmanickam temple has been vetoed by Government?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know Sir, why the Government has interfered in the autonomous working of a department where the principle is that they have entrusted the management to them?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Joint Secretary to Government*): The tree is one which is being worshipped by the caste Hindus. The report was that the tree being in a dangerous condition, it should be removed immediately. The Government asked the Chief Engineer to inspect the actual position of the tree and submit a report. He inspected it personally and reported that the tree is not standing in any dangerous condition at all. Sufficient safeguards have also been taken now to see that no danger happens in future. Hence the cutting of the tree was not found necessary.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know whenever a report is made by the Municipality or Town Council that a banian tree or some other tree is in a dangerous condition, it will be sent up to the Chief Engineer for report?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Joint Secretary to Government*): No. In this particular case there were a lot of complaints from the caste Hindus of the locality. It aroused religious feelings and therefore bound to enquire into the matter.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Does it mean that they are worshipping the banian tree?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Joint Secretary to Government*): They perform religious ceremonies like vilakku veppu etc., there.